



CHATTERIS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T


OF

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR

THE YEAR ENDED

31st. DECEMBER, 1971



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ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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To the Chairman and Members of CHATTERIS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

I submit hereafter my Annual Report on the Chatteris Urban District.

ESTIMATED POPULATION - mid 1963 - 5,500
mid 1964 - 5,470
mid 1965 - 5,490
mid 1966 - 5,520
mid 1967 - 5,520
mid 1968 - 5,520
mid 1969 - 5,510
mid 1970 - 5,520
mid 1971 - 5,560

LIVE BIRTHS - 74

1963 - 84 - 15.27 per thousand population
1964 - 85 - 15.54 per thousand population
1965 - 87 - 15.87 per thousand population
1966 - 61 - 11.05 per thousand population
1967 - 81 - 14.70 per thousand population
1968 - 73 - 13.20 per thousand population
1969 - 74 - 13.41 per thousand population
1970 - 62 - 11.23 per thousand population
1971 - 74 - 13.30 per thousand population

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS - 5

1963 - 1 - 1.19 percent of live births
1964 - 7 - 8.23 percent of live births
1965 - 3 - 3.45 percent of live births
1966 - 5 - 8.19 percent of live births
1967 - 8 - 9.87 percent of live births
1968 - 4 - 5.48 percent of live births
1969 - 1 - 1.37 percent of live births
1970 - 8 - 12.90 percent of live births
1971 - 5 - 6.73 percent of live births

STILL BIRTHS - 3

1963 - 2 - 23.2 per thousand of total births
1964 - 2 - 22.9 per thousand of total births
1965 - 1 - 11.4 per thousand of total births
1966 - 0 - 00.0 per thousand of total births
1967 - 2 - 24.0 per thousand of total births
1968 - 1 - 13.5 per thousand of total births
1969 - 0 - 00.0 per thousand of total births
1970 - 1 - 15.9 per thousand of total births
1971 - 3 - 38.9 per thousand of total births

INFANT MORTALITY - 0

1963 2 deaths 23.82 per thousand live births
1964 1 death 11.76 per thousand live births
1965 7 deaths 80.46 per thousand live births
1966 3 deaths 49.18 per thousand live births
1967 5 deaths 61.73 per thousand live births
1968 1 death 13.69 per thousand live births
1969 1 death 13.51 per thousand live births
1970 1 death 16.13 per thousand live births
1971 no deaths.

INFANT MORTALITY RATE (under one year old) Nil.

NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE (under four weeks old) Nil.

EARLY NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE (under one week) Nil.

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE Nil.

DEATHS The main causes of death were:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	3	2	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	3	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	2	2	4
Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	-	1	1
Meningitis	-	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	1	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	12	7	19
Other forms of Heart Disease	4	2	6
Cerebrovascular Disease	2	7	9
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	2	3
Pneumonia	2	2	4
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	-	4
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	1	1
All other External Causes	1	-	1
<u>Total of all Causes</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>68</u>

Death Rate per thousand population = 12.23

WATER SUPPLY

Wisbech & District Water Board is the Statutory Authority and piped mains supply water from Marham, Norfolk. Frequent bacteriological examinations have been undertaken during 1971 on the samples from the Board's sourceworks and the distribution system in this area. The results have been of a very high standard. Many chemical analyses have also been carried out.

All new mains were sterilised, samples taken and bacteriological examinations made before the mains were put into service. No connections were permitted until the water in the mains was of the highest standard of purity.

There were no cases of contamination of the water supply in the Chatteris Urban District during 1971.

Bacteriological Samples taken in the Chatteris Urban District

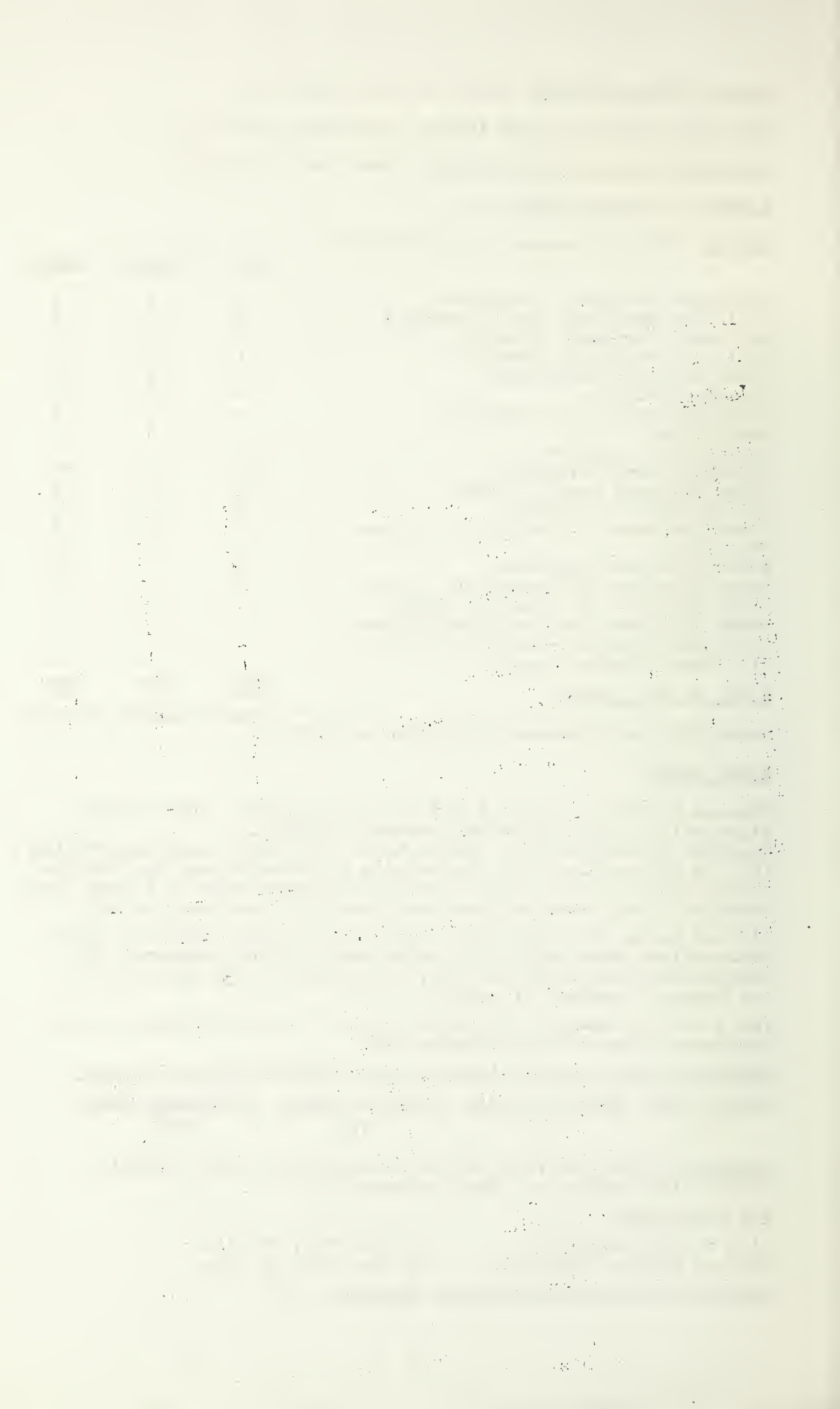
<u>Total Tests</u>	<u>Negative Tests</u>	<u>Positive Tests</u>	<u>% Negative Tests</u>
69	69	Nil	100%

Schedule of Work carried out in the Chatteris Urban District between 1st January and 31st December 1971

New Mains Laid

High Street, Chatteris	80 lin. yds. 3" dia.
Fairway Estate, Chatteris	82 lin. yds. 4" dia.

Additional Domestic Properties Supplied - 50



PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of refuse is carried out in the built-up area of the Urban District and a fortnightly collection is carried out in the outlying fens.

RIVERS, STREAMS AND WATERCOURSES

There are no natural rivers and streams, the town being built on a layer of Kimmeridge clay thrown up and forming high land running north to south and the rainfall gravitated off the east and west slopes to artificial dykes and to main drains constructed some three hundred years ago when the fens were reclaimed. There has been no pollution of these watercourses notified.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

This is on the water carriage system in the Urban District.

SCHOOLS

All are supplied with piped mains water and generally satisfactory sanitary conditions.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The two main sewage works at Acre Fen and Nightlayer Fen are working satisfactorily and the effluent standard is to the Royal Commission Standards and the satisfaction of the Great Ouse River Authority.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

The National Health Service is conducted in Chatteris in a purpose built health centre constructed in 1947. Though small it is totally adequate, unfortunately it still has its car parking problem.

There is no appointment system but appointments are given for time consuming cases and this appears to be to the mutual satisfaction of patients and medical practitioner. The dubious advantages of an appointment system are revealed by the attendance at the surgery of patients unwilling or unable to wait for appointments elsewhere and also by the realization of patients leaving Chatteris that Health Centres can lack the personal Doctor/Patient relationship.

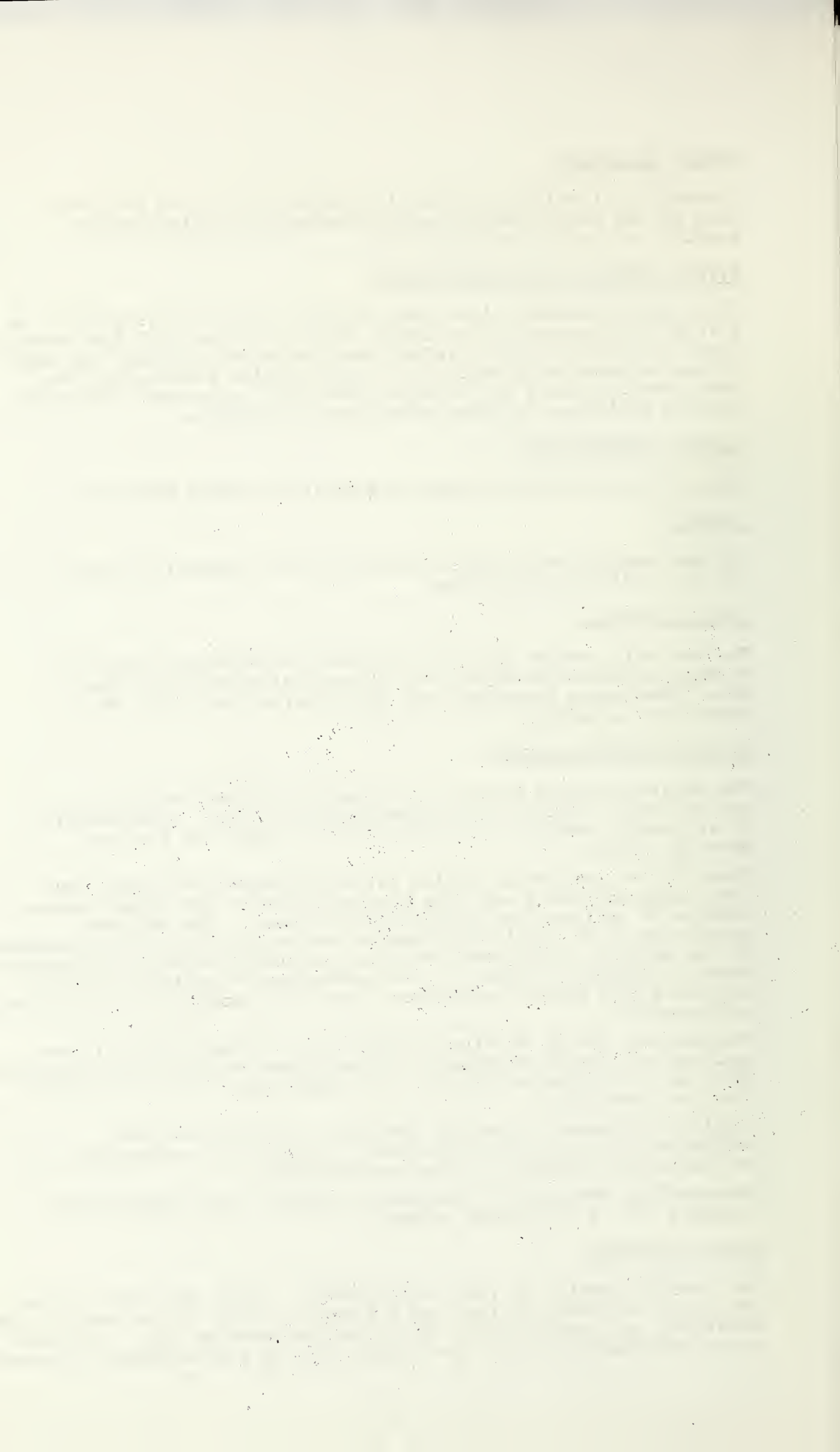
The National Health Service is run by two Medical Practitioners assisted by a Nurse Dispenser. In addition to the normal surgeries there is an Ante-Natal Clinic and an Ophthalmic Clinic run by a visiting Consultant.

Hospital treatment is usually available for most cases at Doddington Hospital with hospitals at Wisbech, Peterborough, Ely and Cambridge working in close co-operation.

The staffing situation at Doddington Hospital has considerably improved and is now rarely closed.

NURSING SERVICE

The Nursing Service is very satisfactory. There are three nurses, one who is a Health Visitor and a Midwife. There is no domiciliary midwifery, all confinements take place at March or Ely. Difficult cases are booked for Mill Road, Cambridge or The Bowthorpe, Wisbech.



A 48 hour discharge service can be arranged for mothers who so wish. The liaison between the Nursing Service, The General Practitioner and Hospitals appears to be satisfactory.

INFECTIOUS FEVERS

The figures for measles during the past six years are given below:

During 1966	there were	112 cases
During 1967	there were	85 cases
During 1968	there were	13 cases
During 1969	there were	11 cases
During 1970	there were	6 cases
During 1971	there were	117 cases

This distressing illness is absolutely unnecessary. The figures for the year 1970 and the preceeding few years tended to show increased immunity due to the immunisation programme, as we thought, but unfortunately the 1971 epidemic proved this to be false. It seems propaganda in its various forms is useless. We are now using a more direct personal approach to the mothers through the medium of the Surgery, the Welfare Clinic and the Health Visitor.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels Service continues to be very satisfactory. Pensioners availing themselves of it not only appreciate the food but also having someone to talk to at the expected hour. It makes them feel they are not completely forgotten. It is unfortunate though that quite a few of those apparently in need refuse either because they feel they are imposing or it is beneath their dignity. The voluntary time given by the organisers and the helpers is much appreciated.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance Service stationed at March 8 miles away continues to be very adequate. The speed of arrival in urgent cases has sometimes been astonishingly quick.

CAUSE FOR CONCERN

The increasing numbers of abortions for young teenage girls must be a matter for grave concern. A situation surely demanding immediate and thorough attention by those Authorities concerned with the health, welfare and education of young people.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Members

Your obedient servant

A S Wilm

Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY OF FOOD INSPECTIONS

1971

1. Number of Food Premises

Cafes	2	Fishmongers	2
Hotels	1	Grocers	16
Milk Retailers	3	Butchers	7
Bakers	3	Greengraders	6

2. Number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drug Act, 1955

Ice Cream Retailers	16
Sausage Producers	5

3. Disposal of Condemned Food

Condemned food is disposed of by burning except for large articles and tinned foods which are normally buried surrounded by quick-lime.

4. Food Condemned

1. 3. 71	3 lb. 4 oz. tin chopped pork in shop.
5. 4. 71	Contents of deep freeze in shop.
25. 6. 71	Contents of deep freeze in shop.
9. 7. 71	Contents of retail ice cream cabinet
24. 8. 71	Contents of one section of deep freeze in shop.
10. 9. 71	11 lb. tin of Culrose Ham in shop.

MEAT INSPECTIONS AT SLAUGHTER- HOUSES IN 1971

	Beasts	Pigs	Sheep and Lambs	Weight of meat Condemned
January	14	10	38	22 lbs
February	15	6	31	14 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs
March	13	10	31	18 lbs
April	16	12	41	6 lbs
May	14	19	39	49 lbs
June	12	23	54	41 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs
July	16	-	42) 21 lbs
August	12	19	49)
September	17	9	57	21 lbs
October	14	13	47	2 lbs
November	14	21	45	44 lbs
December	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>6 lbs</u>
Totals	<u>174</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>244$\frac{3}{4}$ lbs</u>

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IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1971

FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF CHATTERIS

IN THE COUNTY OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 - 1939

Prescribed Particulars of the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1937

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Notices	Prosecutions
Factories in which Sec. 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	5	0	0	0
Factories not in above in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	23	27	1	0
Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworkers Premises)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	28	27	1	0

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	0	1	0
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors	0	0	0	0	0

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found (continued)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which pro-secutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
<u>Sanitary Conveniences</u>					
(a) Insuffi- cient	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuit- able or defective	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not sep- arate for sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other defects against the Act (not including offences)	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	1	0	1	0

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUT-WORK (sections 110 and 111)

There are no longer any Outworkers within the meaning of the Act registered within the Urban District.

Signature

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Medical Officer of Health

